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Applicant respectfully points out that he has made every attempt to obtain a copy of the following reference, to no avail: Chemical hazard alert notice (Subtilisin), 2001, which should have been available at www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/chan24.htm. Applicant notes, however, that this chemical hazard alert notice (a.k.a. CHAN) has been discontinued and is no longer available; even from the body in the United Kingdom that is in charge of publishing CHANs. Accordingly, Applicant is not able to submit a copy of this CHAN.

For the convenience of the Examiner in considering the cited references, a copy of each of the cited references is enclosed with this communication. In considering the cited

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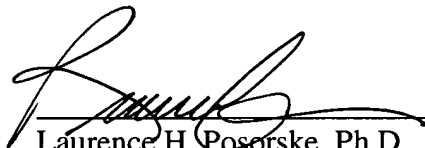
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